

**Vasquez Blvd/170 Superfund Site, Operable Unit 1, Residential Property Cleanup, March, 2004 Update.**

Soil removal was started on February 17, 2004 using funds obligated to the project in 2003. Soil cleanup consists of the removal of 12 inches of soil with elevated levels of lead and/or arsenic. The cleanup levels established for lead and arsenic at this site are 400 ppm and 70 ppm, respectively. Residential yards are landscaped to a condition similar to that which existed prior to soil removal.

EPA has budgeted \$8.0 million of FY2004 remedial action funds to continue the remedial action at Operable Unit 1, residential properties. With these funds, EPA is planning to complete soil removal on an additional 300 properties, conduct exterior lead base paint abatement necessary to protect the soil removal remedy, sample properties which had not been previously evaluated for lead and arsenic soil levels, and implement the Community Health Program.

**2004 Summary Statistics**

Date Construction Started:	February 17, 2004
Properties Completed In Feb	8
Properties Completed in 2004	8
2004 Property Cleanup Goal	300

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1. **Soil Disposal.** Additional legal enforcement resources are needed to complete a settlement with ASARCO that will allow for placement of excavated residential soils onto the ASARCO Globe Plant Site. Placement of these soils on the Globe Plant is supported by the community and would result in a significant cost savings. For FY2004, this cost savings is estimated as \$1.4 million. With this savings, an additional 50 properties could be completed. The total project savings are estimated to be \$3.5 million. The State of Colorado has expressed concern that EPA is not pursuing this cost savings measure.
2. **Funding.** Budgeted Superfund Remedial Action Funds cannot be obligated towards the project until the State Superfund Contract is signed by the State of Colorado. The State of Colorado is currently reviewing this contract and expect to sign the contract during the first week of March. If the contract is not signed, construction will stop at the end of March.

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